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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SEASONALLY TO 446,300 IN JULY

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island declined by 4,700 in mid-July as a result of vacation-related plant closings in many manufacturing industries, combined with a seasonal downturn in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 446,300 in July. Although this figure represents a monthly decrease of 4,700 jobs, it is 6,000 above the July 1986 level of 440,300.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting declines caused mainly by plants closing for vacations, total manufacturing employment dropped by 3,700 in the June-July period. However, the current factory level of 116,700 represents an additional 600 jobs compared to the year earlier figure. In the Durable Goods category, the July employment total of 79,900 showed a decrease of 2,400 from the prior month, but was 100 above the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries fell by 1,300 from last month to a level of 36,800, but was up 500 compared to the July 1986 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job decrease occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,100). In addition, employment reductions of 200 each were recorded in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment followed by monthly downturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, and Nonelectrical Machinery. Employment in Instruments was unchanged from last month. Com-

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DES SURVEYS SELECTED RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

Many Rhode Island employers were recently asked to participate in the 1987 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey. This program, administered by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, provides basic information on the occupational distribution of jobs in the State. The survey is conducted annually but focuses each year on only a selected segment or segments of the State's economy. In 1987 the OES survey concentrates on Rhode Island's non-manufacturing industries.

The data gleaned from the survey has many uses which include being a major component in developing projections of occupational needs. Current and projected occupational information is an important tool in determining training requirements and providing counseling for persons who are making career decisions.

The OES data also allows employers to compare their firm's occupational composition with their particular industry as a whole. Additionally, OES information can be helpful in market research targeted toward specific groups of workers and in developing company staffing strategies. All information provided by employers is confidential and is not published in such a manner as to be attributable to a specific employer.

DES greatly appreciates the cooperation shown by the many employers selected for this latest, as well as previous, surveys. Further information concerning the Occupational Employment Statistics program is available by writing to DES Research and Statistics, 24 Mason Street, Providence, RI 02903.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave . . .245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown 847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
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Tower Hill Road 789-9721
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WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Total Placements	1,071	695	1,997
New Applications	2,619	2,308	3,354
New Openings Rec'd.	1,646	2,600	2,541

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1987	June 1987	% Change June 1987
Initial Claims	9,497	8,679	+ 9.4
No. of Payments	41,208	38,110	+ 8.1
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,272,331	$ 4,992,850	+ 5.6
Exhaustions	856	970	- 11.8

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Initial Claims	3,581	3,851	3,450
No. of Payments	24,389	27,614	25,783
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,000,374	$ 4,306,041	$ 3,423,431

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Civilian Labor Force	514.5	518.4	512.6
Unemployment	20.6	20.0	23.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.9	4.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.7	4.0	4.1

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
Civilian Labor Force	335.9	337.3	331.9
Unemployment	12.7	12.5	13.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.7	3.9

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
Civilian Labor Force	167.4	167.3	166.0
Unemployment	7.3	7.5	7.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.5	4.6

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
Civilian Labor Force	36,160	35,600	36,615
Unemployment	1,115	1,145	1,075
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.2	2.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
May 18-22, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	9,718	100.0
Men	4,839	49.8
Under 45	3,355	69.3
45 and over	1,484	30.7
Women	4,879	50.2
Under 45	2,897	59.4
45 and Over	1,982	40.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	970	10.0
Manufacturing	5,226	53.8
Public Utilities	235	2.4
Wholesale and Retail	1,469	15.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	194	2.0
Service	1,400	14.4
All Other	224	2.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,040	10.7
Clerical and Sales	1,899	19.6
Service	998	10.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	42	0.4
Processing	305	3.1
Machine Trades	1,248	12.8
Bench Work	1,622	16.7
Structural Work	1,345	13.8
Miscellaneous	1,165	12.0
INA	54	0.6

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	446.3	451.0	440.3	- 4,700	+ 6,000
MANUFACTURING	116.7	120.4	116.1	- 3,700	+ 600
NONMANUFACTURING	329.6	330.6	324.2	- 1,000	+ 5,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.2	18.9	18.3	+ 300	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.2	15.1	15.2	+ 100	-
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	101.6	101.7	100.8	- 100	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.7	25.5	25.2	+ 200	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	111.5	110.7	108.9	+ 800	+ 2,600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.4	58.7	55.8	- 2,300	+ 600

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	July 1986	July 1987	July 1986	July 1987	July 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	116.7	120.4	116.1	-3700	+600	330.00	317.19	40.0	40.1	8.25	7.91
DURABLE GOODS	79.9	82.3	79.8	-2400	+100	328.42	315.59	40.1	40.1	8.19	7.87
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.5	3.2	- 100	+200	394.97	379.85	41.1	40.8	9.61	9.31
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 100	- 100	410.80	394.40	40.0	40.0	10.27	9.86
PRIMARY METALS	5.3	5.5	5.1	- 200	+200	402.05	387.11	42.5	42.4	9.46	9.13
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.8	9.4	- 200	+200	318.39	288.48	40.1	39.9	7.94	7.23
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8*	5.9*	5.8*	- 100	-	440.24	421.83	42.7	43.0	10.31	9.81
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	12.1	11.9	- 200	-	304.67	301.10	40.3	40.2	7.56	7.49
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.0	9.2	9.4	- 200	- 400	435.51	407.95	40.4	39.8	10.78	10.25
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	5.0*	-	-	326.83	322.91	40.6	42.1	8.05	7.67
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.8	23.9	22.6	-1100	+200	261.49	248.22	39.5	39.4	6.62	6.30
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.7	5.7	- 200	- 200	249.22	256.20	35.3	36.6	7.06	7.00
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.8	38.1	36.3	-1300	+500	335.20	321.20	40.0	40.1	8.38	8.01
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.3	3.0	- 100	+200	287.20	277.25	36.4	38.4	7.89	7.22
TEXTILES	9.9	10.3	10.3	- 400	- 400	307.22	289.88	40.8	40.6	7.53	7.14
APPAREL	3.0	3.2	3.0	- 200	-	295.85	272.00	43.7	41.4	6.77	6.57
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	304.96	305.66	41.1	41.7	7.42	7.33
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	-	+100	416.60	426.97	36.9	39.1	11.29	10.92
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	3.1	2.9	- 200	-	432.89	422.82	40.8	40.5	10.61	10.44
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.4	1.2	- 100	+100	352.37	343.44	42.2	42.4	8.35	8.10
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	5.1	4.5	- 300	+300	337.28	303.41	40.2	38.7	8.39	7.84
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.2	-	+200	240.20	215.05	40.1	39.1	5.99	5.50

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pared to a year ago, the most sizable decline in payroll levels was evident in Transportation Equipment (-400), while employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment and Stone-Clay-Glass fell by 200 and 100, respectively. In contrast, annual upturns of 200 each were posted in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and Jewelry-Silverware. Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change for the twelve month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile employment dropped 400 from last month, while jobs in Plastics Products were off by 300. Also down from their June employment levels were Apparel and Chemical Products (-200 each) followed by Food-Beverage and Rubber Products (-100 each). Employment in the three remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged on a monthly basis. Compared to July 1986, Textile jobs report the only Nondurable Goods decline (-400). Contrary to this, annual advances were registered in Plastics Products (+300), Food-Beverage (+200) and Leather Products (+200). Also showing increases for the twelve month period were Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products (+100 each). Employment in Apparel, Paper Products and Chemical Products was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments fell by 1,000 from June to July, primarily due to seasonal decreases in education-related Government jobs. Although the current non-factory total of 329,600 was less than the June figure, it was 5,400 greater than the July 1986 level of 324,200. Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment, at 111,500, and Contract Construction, at 19,200, posted the largest monthly job gains (+800 and +300, respectively). Compared to a year ago, the former category added 2,600 workers while the latter segment expanded by 900. Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate advanced by 200 to the current level of 25,700, which was 500 above the total recorded a year ago. With a monthly gain of 100, job levels in Transportation and Public Utilities rose to 15,200, but were unchanged compared to July 1986. A monthly decline of 2,300 occurred in overall Government employment, mainly resulting from declines in education-related positions; at 56,400, however, this segment was up 600 from the previous July. Wholesale and Retail Trade employment registered a monthly downturn of 100, although its July payroll total of 101,600 represents an annual gain of 800 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $8.25 in mid-July. This represents a 34 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.4 of an hour in July to 40.0 hours and was down 0.1 of an hour from July 1986. Average weekly earnings for these workers in July amounted to $330.00. Although this represents a decline of $1.68 from last month, it is $12.81 more than was reported in July of last year.

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